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MESSAGES FROM SAN FRANCISCO SIGNED BY "PETER" (1945)

From: SAN FRANCISCO

To: MOSCOW

No: 37

4 Feb. 45

To BERLIN. [1]

Reference No. 18[a].

On 4th January 1945 BAZHIN, Evgenij Nikolaevich, went ashore together with two sailors. They went riding on a roller coaster and had been drinking. The pair of them returned on board the vessel after losing BAZHIN at the fun fair. On investigation it was established that as a result of lack of discipline BAZHIN's absence was only discovered on 5th January 1945. The captain thought he was on board [9 groups unrecoverable] was floating in the tug anchorage area and was identified. An expert examination in the presence of our worker did not reveal any traces of violence. The body is being cremated. B. was in very good spirits. He was considered a conscientious worker. He was very keen to get home as his wife was due to have a baby soon - he had bought presents for the baby. He had not been expressing any discontent.

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Reference No. 36[a]

I will check [B. VAVILOV's] [111] report.

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Reference No. 157[a]

I have established contact[SVIa3'] with "NICK[NIK]"[iv]. He says that he has permanent contact with the House[DOM][v] through the postman[POCHTARI][b] in VLADIVOSTOK. He indicated that detailed contact had ceased. Please point out the breach of regulations to VLADIVOSTOK and put an end to the sending of postman.

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Reference No. 27[a]

Advise who "ENEMIGO"[vi] is. He is unknown to us.

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3rd February

PETER

Notes: [a] Not available. Apparently messages from SEMEN, judging by the serial numbers.

[b] POCHTAR' is a popular variant of the Russian for "postman". It is not clear whether it is to be taken literally or whether it has an oblique meaning.

Comments: [i] SEMEN : Unidentified cover-name.

[ii] PETER : Aleksandr Petrovich GRACHEV, Port Engineer of the Soviet Purchasing Commission.

[iii] VAVILOV : Mikhail Sergeevich VAVILOV, Soviet Vice-Consul in NEW YORK.

[iv] NICK : Not Amadeo SARATINI, but a Fifth Line man (See SAN FRANCISCO's No. 286 of 29/5/45 - S/NBP/T806).

[v] HOUSE : Precise meaning uncertain, but possibly MEB Headquarters in MOSCOW.

[vi] ENEMIGO : Unidentified cover-name. Also mentioned in SAN FRANCISCO Messages Nos. 68 and 87 of 27th February and 14th March 1945 respectively (not yet published).

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